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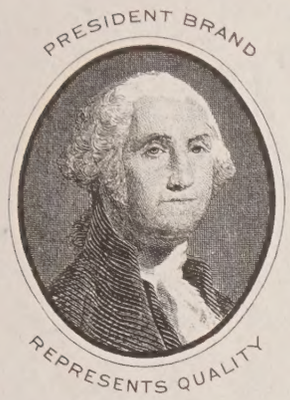

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ST. LOUIS, Nov. 21, 21.

American Numismatic Society,
155th Ave. & Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Newell:-

I am taking the liberty of sending you a specimen of "Aes Grave" and would like to have you pass on the genuineness of the coin. It looks all right to me, with the exception of the edge, which seems to be sort of hacked off instead of cast.

I purchased this coin from Mr. Johnson, who informed me that he had sold you a similar specimen, but in a better state of preservation.

With cordial regards, I remain

Yours very truly,
J. M. Wulfing

November 25th, 1921

Mr. J. M. Wulfing
Gildehaus, Wulfing & Co.
Second & Walnut Streets
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

Your letter and the "Aes Grave" just at hand. Mr. Newell is in Europe so he cannot pass judgment on it. However, I know that he would say that it is absolutely all right. To my mind, it has all the earmarks of being genuine - both in general looks and in patination. I certainly would consider it all right without any question. I am returning it to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

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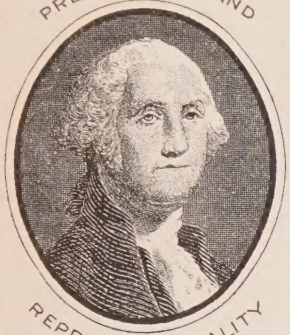

REPRESENTS QUALITY

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30, 21.

American Numismatic Society,
155th Ave. & Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Kindly advise me on what date you returned the coin recently sent to you. Thanking you for your great courtesy, I remain

Yours very truly,

J. M. Wulfing

Nov. 21 Mon. p. post.

DICTATED BUT NOT READ

December 3rd, 1921

Mr. J. M. Wulfing
Gildehaus, Wulfing & Co.
2nd & Walnut Streets
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of November 30th, would say that the package to which you refer was sent away to you on Monday, November 28th.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10, 21.

Howland Wood Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
155th & Broadway, New York.

Dear Mr. Woods:-

I beg to advise you that the package containing the coin arrived here last Saturday in good order. I was very glad indeed to receive it, as I have been after one of these specimens a good many years and this is the first one that I ran across.

I was very glad to get your opinion as to the genuineness of the coin, as I had some misgivings, due to the edge being so different from the usual type.

Kindly accept my thanks for the prompt attention which you so courteously gave to my request.

Very sincerely,

John M Wulfing

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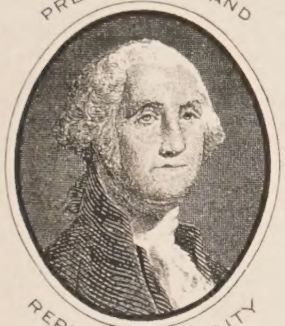

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ST. LOUIS, March 8. 1922.

American Numismatic Society Nyp

Gentlemen -

I notice in the Elder Sale catalogue some large Alexander Tetradrachms No. 1174-5-6, 35 MM in diameter, which I do not find described in Head. Kindly inform me as to their value. I also note 2 Ars grave, # 1868c & 1868d - has the latter prior to right or left; finally there is an aureus of Tiberius & 1513. Kindly drop me a line as to the condition of these coins and whether you are going to have a representative at the sale -

With cordial regards
I remain
Jon Wulfing

DICTATED BUT NOT READ

March 10th, 1922

Mr. J. M. Wulfing
Second & Walnut Streets
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

Those Alexander tetradrachms in Elder's sale I happened to see shortly after he bought them. They are part of a find, all of which I think are counterstamped. Although they are not worn, they are covered with a black corrosion. Whether they are rare or not, I do not know. Elder sets high store by them and thinks they are worth a great deal more than they really are. What they will bring, I do not know. As Mr. Newell is in Europe, I know of no one else who could give a good judgment.

The two Aes Graves we could not see until the day of the sale. After Elder gets through cataloguing for a sale, the stuff is put away in a vault, and he does not take them out again, except in rare cases, until he places them on view.

As the Society buys so little and we are short-handed up here, we very seldom - since Mr. Wyman left - attend any of the sales. We and Mr. Newell give our bids to Rudolph Kohler, 70 Fifth Avenue, or Wayte Raymond, 489 Park Avenue, both of whom I think you know.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Hw/E

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BROADWAY, BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

March 10th, 1922

Mr. J. M. Wulfing
Second & Walnut Streets
St.Louis, Mo.

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Very truly yours,

Howland Wood

Curator

Hw/E

we have just bought 100 of the best ones in the same find Elder got his from for 3.00 each

Thanks very much - perhaps you might let me know - have 5 of the Society [illegible] you bought [illegible] would send on approval. Very truly J M Wulfing 3/13.22

March 18th, 1922

Mr. J. M. Wulfing
Second & Walnut Streets
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

The coins from the Iantab Hoard probably can be had a little later. Those I mentioned were b[illegible] from Mr. Newell and when he gets back in May, I will speak to him about your desires. Those in the Sale we are not touching as we make plaster impressions from them for purposes of study. As a matter of fact, they are not things of beauty, and are of interest solely in comparing and working on the two hundred odd specimens of the hoard. Probably, Mr. Newell may be glad to let you have some of these when he is through with them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

JOHN MAX WULFING
3448 LONGFELLOW BOULEVARD
SAINT LOUIS

October 3, 1922.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
155th St. & Broadway,
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Wood:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of September 23rd. I am sorry that I did not know that you had these lists, as it would have saved our Society about $12.00 which I paid to the grasping Mr. Mirsch. On future occasions I shall take the liberty of writing to you before ordering any lists from abroad.

Yours very sincerely,

JMW/B

JOHN MAX WULFING
3448 LONGFELLOW BOULEVARD
SAINT LOUIS

Jan. 1[illegible], 1924.

Mr. John Reilly, Jr.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Reilly:

Referring to your appeal of December 5th, I have been wanting to find something which might be of interest to your Society, and am sending you today a few Byzantine Bronzes which have puzzled me for some time. As I have been unable to classify them and incorporate them in my collection, I take great pleasure in turning them over to you, trusting you may be able to find a place for same.

Also Some Sundry junk out of which you one or two coins of interest

As I note from your list of donations that plastic casts are also acceptable, I am also sending two zinc or lead coins which my friend Prof. Felix von Luschan received in 1878 as an Honorarium for medical services rendered to a high dignitary from Burma. Sir Arthur Thayer, a Numismata Orientalia Coins Arakau, Pegu and Burma, Volume IV, page 31 states "that such medals may have been intended to use for currency, but it is probable from the religious character of these, which bear legends, that they were to be deposited in the relic chambers of pagodas." Of the other specimen I was not able to obtain any information. Perhaps you care to have a plaster cast made of these two coins. I should gladly have this done here, but I do not know of anybody who can do this kind of work.

Kindly return the two specimens at your leisure, with any such additional information as you may be able to give.

Yours very truly,

John M. Wulfing

JMW/B

January 22nd, 1924

Mr. John H. Wulfing
3448 Longfellow Boulevard
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

Mr. Reilly has turned over to me your letter of January 10th addressed to him.

I have just received the box containing the bronze coins which you have so kindly sent to us as a Christmas gift. I think we can work out many of them and we are very glad to have them for I can see at a glance that many are not duplicated in our Cabinet.

I will make rubbings of the two tin coins. We have a number of these but none exactly like these two. In a few days I will have them returned to you. In the meantime, I beg to thank you for giving us the opportunity of examining these two coins as well as for your support with regard to our Christmas gifts.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/H

February 13th, 1924

Mr/ J. M. Wulfing
3448 Longfellow Boulevard
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

I beg to apologize for not returning the two tin coins from the Malay Peninsula. I am, however, now sending them to you ,parcel post, insured. I have made careful rubbings of them and wish to thank you very much for sending them to us as they are specimens which are not represented in our collection.

Very truly yours,

Curator

JOHN MAX WULFING
3448 LONGFELLOW BOULEVARD
SAINT LOUIS

Feb. 27, 1924.

Dr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Dr. Wood:

Referring to the memorandum on the bottom of your letter of Feb. 12th, I beg to state that I should not like to part with both of these specimens, as they were presented to me by Prof. von Luschan, a dear old friend who recently succumbed to a long and lingering illness, due to his scientific work at Sendshirli.

However, as you know I am specializing in Ass Orus; if you have any duplicates in this line which are not represented in my collection, I shall be glad to exchange one or the other of the above coins, if you consider the latter sufficiently valuable.

With sincere regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

JMW/

April 18th, 1924

Mr. John Max Wulfing
3448 Longfellow Boulevard
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

Mr. Noe is at present in hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis, but we are expecting him soon to be able to resume his duties. Upon his return, I shall be glad to take up with him the matter of duplicate books about which you ask.

With regard to the exchange of one of the Burmah pieces for an Aes Grave, I should be glad to make such an exchange but unfortunately we possess no duplicate copy.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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November 2,1924

Mr.John M.Wulfing
19 S. 2nd Street
St.Louis,Mo.

My dear Mr.Wulfing:-

I am taking the liberty of writing to you for some information which I feel sure you can give us.

We have recently come into possession of a coin, which Mr.John W.Dunn had wished to give to us, it was said to have been given by President Washington to members of his Cabinet,December 14,1799.

On investigation, I find that it is a memorial coin issued probably at the time of Washington's death.

Face side of Coin

"He is in Glory, the World in Tears"

Reverse of Coin

"B.F.xxxxxxxx Arm 75 R 83 P.U.S.A. 89

R 96 G. Arm U.S. 98.OB D. 14,1799"

December 14,1799, was the date of his death. Do you know to whom this Coin was distributed. Also its present value?

Hoping that this is not giving you too much trouble, and with kindest regards,

I am

Very sincerely,

Archivist

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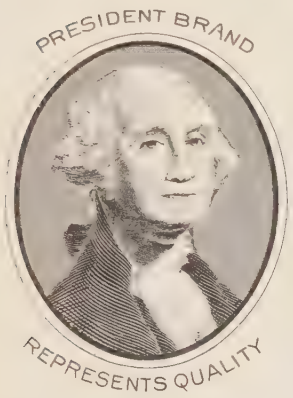

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ST. LOUIS, Nov. 5, 1924.

American Numismatic Society,
155 & Broadway, New York.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Will you kindly give me the information asked for in the enclosed letter. As my limited knowledge is limited to the Classical field, I am not able to give the desired information myself.

Sincerely,
John M. Wulfing

DICTATED BUT NOT READ

November 14th, 1924

Mr. J. M. Wulfing
3448 Longfellow Boulevard
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

Excuse the delay in replying to your letter but I have been swamped with work in the preparation of the Foreign Medals Exhibition which opened yesterday.

The Washington funeral medal was made by James Perkins of Newburyport, Mass., and was worn by those in the Civic procession of February 22, 1800, held in Boston. A similar medal, with skull and cross-bones was worn in the Masonic funeral procession in Boston eleven days previous, Feb.11th. I cannot tell you exactly the value of the piece. If in copper, I should say it was worth a dollar or so - if in silver, several dollars.

Very truly yours,

Curator

JOHN MAX WULFING
3448 LONGFELLOW PLACE
SAINT LOUIS

Feb. [illegible], [illegible]

American Numismatic Society,
155th & Broadway,
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Terrell:

I enclose herewith the Solidus which I promised you, which I trust will reach you safely.

Yours very truly,

JMWulfing

JMW/AB

Enc.

February 17, 1926

Mr. J. M. Wulfing
3448 Longfellow Place
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

On behalf of the Society, I beg to thank you very much for the Byzantine Solidus which you sent to Mr. Newell. We are very glad to add this to our ever-growing Cabinet, and much appreciate your kind thought of us.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Feb. 23, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Wood:

I have been thinking that I might be willing to ~~part~~ dispose of the Byzantine Hoard provided that same be kept intact; that is to say, I should not like to see it scattered. The coins cost $3.51 a piece, which is hardly more than the metal value. I could, therefore, probably sell the surplus lot to a dealer, but as stated above, I do not want to see them scattered. The only reason I really would be willing to part with part of the hoard, is that it makes my collection rather unbalanced to have one hundred solidi of about fifty different ~~varieties~~ rulers, and then have eighty of one, which makes the collection rather lack proportions.

There is no hurry whatever; I mention this only with the idea that some time you may find someone able and willing to acquire part of the hoard for your Museum.

Very truly yours,

JMW/AB

March 19th, 1926

Mr. J. M. Wulfing
3448 Longfellow Blvd.
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

I was speaking to Mr. Newell the other day about that Byzantine hoard. He might be interested in buying it for himself - which would mean that it would eventually come to this Society. Of course, if you keep part of it, in one sense of the word it would not be intact. Mr. Newell would like to know how many pieces you wish to sell, and what you would ask for them.

Very truly yours,

~~Secretary~~

JOHN MAX WULFING
3448 LONGFELLOW PLACE
SAINT LOUIS

April 13, 1926.

Mr. E.T.Newell, Pres.,
American Numismatic Society,
155th & Broadway,
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Newell:

I am enclosing herewith two specimens of currency which are entirely new to me. Our late friend Prof. Felix von Luschan obtained these in Asia Minor some forty years ago, and a memorandum of his which was with these specimens states that at the time he obtained them, they were current on a basis of 70 or 80 to a Maria Theresian Thaler.

If you can give me any information on these specimens, I shall be much obliged to you.

Yours very truly,

JMW/AB

P.S. If the Museum is interested, I shall be glad to donate one of the specimens to the same.

Enc.

April 17th, 1926

Mr. John M. Wulfing
3448 Longfellow Place
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

Your letter to Mr. Newell, enclosing the wire money was duly received. Unfortunately, one of the pieces had broken loose and became lost in the mail. However, we have a number of specimens of this coin in our collection, so I am returning the single piece that reached us. Thank you very much for offering to donate one of the pieces to the Society. As far as we can learn, these were made several centuries ago in Nejd, Arabia, from there the Wahabees come. These are the people who have recently conquered Mecca under Ibn Saud. They are generally known as Tooweelahs. It is a form of wire money probably borrowed from the Larins, or wire money of Laristan. We quite often run across these in Elder's sales.

Very truly yours,

Curator

June 29th, 1926

Mr. J. M. Wulfing
3448 Longfellow Boulevard
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wulfing:

I showed Dr. Godbey's letter to Mr. Newell and am returning the letter with Mr. Newell's comments - He says that he knows of no coin with I A W, but a good many Gnostic gems have this symbol. In other words, Mr. Newell says that there is nothing in numismatics which will help out.

Very truly yours,

Enc. Curator

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Oct. 14, 1927.

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to enclose herewith a letter from a gentleman in Sedalia, Missouri, who wishes some information which I am not able to give to him. Will you kindly write to me, or preferably direct to Mr. Hope?

Yours very truly,

JMW/AB
Enc.

October 17, 1927

Mr. J. M. Wulfing,
3448 Longfellow Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I have furnished all the information to Cladius Hope that he apparently desires. The enclosed carbon is a copy of my letter to him. He writes us off and on for information.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB
Encl.